

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGIONS 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

September 27, 2005

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RRG Clayton Chemical Site (soil removal)

Surya N. Mohapatra, President Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc. 1290 Wall Street West Lyndhurst, NJ 07071



RE: Clayton Chemical Site General Notice of Potential Liability letter.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at the above referenced Site, and is planning to spend public funds to control and investigate these releases. This action will be taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, stat. 1613 (1986) (SARA), unless U.S. EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners and operators, and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the Site. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, where the Agency uses public funds to achieve the cleanup of the hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs associated with the removal or remedial action and all other necessary costs incurred in cleaning up the Site, including investigation, planning and enforcement.

The U.S. EPA is currently planning to conduct the following actions at the above referenced Site:

- 1.Develop and implement a site health and safety plan;
- 2. Provide security for the site;
- 3. Sample, characterize, and consolidate for removal and disposal